

## **Fact Sheet:**

# **Individual and Family Services Program**

### **DESCRIPTION:**

The intent of the Individual and Family Services (IFS) Program is:

- To partner with families as care providers for children with developmental disabilities and adults who choose to live in the family home;
- That individual and family services be *centered on the needs* of the person with a developmental disability and the family; and
- To give individuals and families, to the maximum extent possible, *choice of services* and exercise control over the resources available to them.

#### **SERVICES:**

The IFS Program allows participants to use their allocation to pay for any of the following services related to, and resulting from, their disability and identified and agreed to in their DDD Assessment Individual Support Plan (ISP):

- Respite care;
- Therapies;
- Architectural and vehicular modifications;
- · Equipment and supplies;
- Specialized nutrition and clothing;
- Excess medical costs not covered by another source;
- Co-pays for medical and therapeutic services;
- Transportation;
- Training;
- Counseling:
- Behavior management;
- Parent/sibling education; and
- Recreational opportunities.

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#### **NEED BASED ALLOCATION:**

To receive funding in the IFS program a DDD assessment must be administered to determine the person's need. Once the need has been established, the funding amount will be based on the person's level of need. There are four allocations:

- Level 1 = \$2000
- Level 2 = \$3000
- Level 3 = \$4000
- Level 4 = \$6000

#### **WAC/PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:**

Chapter 388-832 WAC, Individual and Family Services Program

The eligible family member must:

- Be determined eligible for DDD services;
- Require assistance in meeting his/her needs;
- Live with her/his family; and
- Have a DDD Assessment administered to determine need level.

When the person's eligibility for the program is determined, the continuing eligibility may be time limited and subject to review.

Visit the DDD Internet website at http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/ddd/index.shtml